

Beaufort County

myFutureNC 2025 Attainment Profiles



Greenville
Prosperity Zone Sub-Region
Peer County Type: Rural - Non-Metro

Educational Attainment

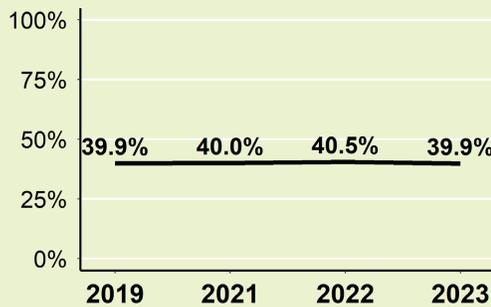
Beaufort County residents ages 25-44, 2023

Have Degree or Credential
3,732
39.9%

No Degree
5,629
60.1%

Residents Ages 25-44
9,361

Educational Attainment Trend



Note: 2020 data not shown due to inconsistency

Educational Level Breakdown, 2023



Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding

2030 Proposed Beaufort County Attainment Goal: 5,588 (Stretch Goal: 5,674)

2030 State Attainment Goal: 2 million

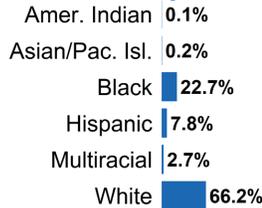
Population Spotlight

2020 Census: 44,659
2023 Estimate: 44,481
Change: -178

Growth Rate

-0.4% vs. **3.8%**
County State

Race/Ethnicity



\$55,960
Median Household Income (2023)
State: \$70,838



70.1%
Home Owners (2023)
State: 66.3%



71.2%
Households with Broadband (2023)
State: 77.1%



32.1%
Child Poverty Rate (2023)
State: 17.6%



18.2%
Single Parent Households (2023)
State: 17.0%



3.4%
Foreign Born (2023)
State: 9.2%

Top Opportunities for Growth



Opportunity Youth

18% of Beaufort County youth ages 16-24 are not working and not in school, above the rural - non-metro county average of 14%.

In Greenville Prosperity Zone Sub-Region:

84.8%

of postsecondary degrees and credentials conferred by regional institutions are aligned with labor market needs.

Top Misalignments

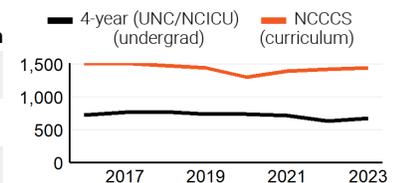
Job Openings vs. Degrees/Credentials

- **Health Science** Jobs > Creds
- **Transportation, Distribution & Logistics** Jobs > Creds
- **Education & Training** Jobs < Creds

Top 3 Five-Star Jobs in Greenville Prosperity Zone Sub-Region

Job Title	Annual Growth
Nurse Practitioners	3.78%
Data Scientists	3.24%
Logisticians	2.81%

Postsecondary Enrollment for Beaufort County Residents



366 Individuals served in an ApprenticeshipNC program in 2023

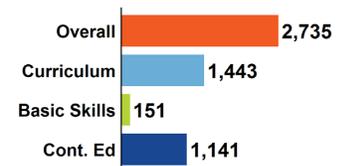
UNC and NC Community College Outcomes:

7,374 graduates in 2020
71.1% of 2016 graduates were employed in NC in 2021
\$46,194 annual average earnings of graduates employed in NC (includes both part-time and full-time jobs), 2021

Top 3 Employers in Beaufort County

Employer	Employment Range
Pcs Phosphate Company Inc	500-999
Beaufort County Schools	500-999
Cleanaire Inc	250-499

Beaufort County residents enrolled in NCCCS, Fall 2023



Top 3 industries in Beaufort County

Industry	Jobs Percent
Manufacturing	2,221 14.2%
Retail Trade	2,105 13.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,590 10.2%

Beaufort County is served by:

- Rivers East Workforce Development Board
- Mid-East Commission

LABOR MARKET ALIGNMENT

POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION

Top Opportunities for Growth



Adult Learners

20% of Beaufort County adults 25-44 have some college, no degree, above the rural - non-metro county average of 16%.

Degree Credentials Awarded in PZ Sub-Region, 2023

1,684 certificate | 1,857 associate | 5,000 bachelor's

Adult Learners

Beaufort County Residents Aged 25+ enrolled in NC Community Colleges, Fall 2023

90 Basic Skills
1,021 Continuing Education
354 Curriculum

20.2% of residents (aged 25-44) have some college but no degree. Peer: 15.9% | State: 11.7%, 2023



10.6% of Beaufort County residents have student loan debt, 0.6% of debt holders had student loans in default, 2024

Success of Beaufort County High School Graduates

76.9% of students who enroll persist to their second year.

Peer: 79.6% | State: 83.8%, 2023

92.0% UNC | 66.4% NCCCS | 62.5% NCICU

53.5% of students who enroll earn a degree or certificate within 6 years. Peer: 55.5% | State: 60.0%, 2023

25.1% UNC | 20.2% NCCCS | 6.6% NCICU

Top destinations of all college-goers, 2023

- 2,081 of all college-goers attended **Beaufort County CC**
- 378 of all college-goers attended **Pitt CC**
- 326 of all college-goers attended **East Carolina University**

COLLEGE & CAREER ACCESS

Top Opportunities for Growth

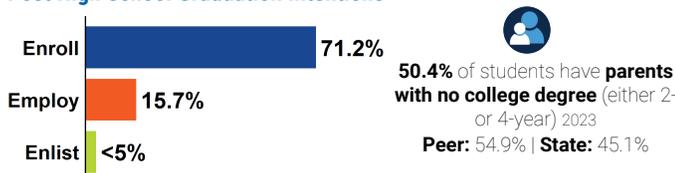


Postsecondary Enrollment

52% of Beaufort County seniors enroll in postsecondary education within 12 months of graduation, below the state average of 59%.

57.5% of 2024 high school class completed the FAFSA as of Sept. 27, 2024. 97 more need to complete in 2024 to meet state goal of 80%. Peer: 54.0% | State: 55.0%

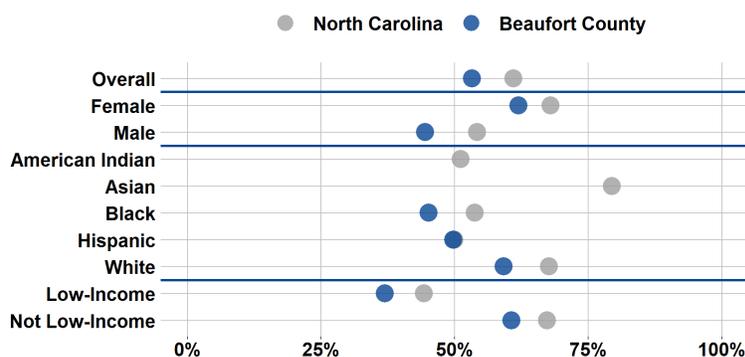
Post High School Graduation Intentions



86.0% of 9th graders graduated within four years. 45 more needed to meet state goal of 95%. Peer: 85.7% | State: 87.3% 2024

51.5% of graduates enrolled in a postsecondary institution within 12 months. Peer: 52.6% | State: 59.3% 2023

Postsecondary Enrollment Rates for Select Groups in Beaufort County, 2023



Note: Outcomes for groups with less than 10 students, <5% or >95% are not displayed.

ACADEMIC READINESS

Top Opportunities for Growth



NC Pre-K Enrollment

53% of Beaufort County eligible 4-year-olds are enrolled in NC Pre-K, below the rural - non-metro county average of 71%.

52.9% of eligible 4-year-olds enrolled in NC Pre-K program in 2024. 54 more needed to meet state goal of 75%. Peer: 71.0% | State: 57.2%

Note: Enrollment numbers only include students served by the NC Pre-K Program and may not represent all Pre-K offerings available.

Beaufort County Traditional Public Schools students:

27.2% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in reading in 2024. 1,127 more needed to meet state goal of 73%. Peer: 24.5% | State: 29.8%

36.3% of 3-8 graders earned college-and-career-ready scores in math in 2024. 1,220 more needed to meet state goal of 86%. Peer: 30.3% | State: 36.5%

25.6% of students were chronically absent from school in 2024. 856 fewer needed to meet state goal of 11%. Peer: 27.7% | State: 25.7%



Beaufort County has a student-to-school counselor ratio of 325:1 compared to 332:1 in peer counties, 2024

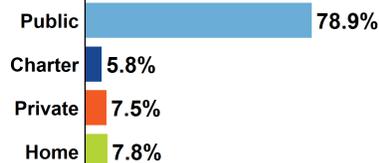


1.9% of students drop out of high school (37 total students), compared to 2.1% statewide, 2023

School & Student Overview (2024 school year)

Traditional Public School District(s): 1
Traditional Public School(s): 13
Charter School(s): 1
Private School(s): 4
Home School(s): 326

7,062 total K-12 students enrolled in schools.



Pathways to College and Career

Students in traditional public schools completed 3,083 Career & Technical Education (CTE) credentials and 208 concentrations. 369 (12.0%) of credentials were industry-valued in 2023. The top three CTE concentrations: Human Services; Health Science; and Manufacturing.



145 (7.8%) high school students took at least one AP, IB, or CIE exam. State: 16.8% (2023).



195 (43.0%) high school graduates participated in Career & College Promise programs. State: 36.0% (2024).

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